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1. [redacted] the Chinese Communist 503 Regiment, which was subordinate to an army of the 2 Field Army,<sup>1</sup> was in the Chuangho (N 39-42, E 123-03) area of Manchuria. The strength of this regiment was about 3,000 men, including cavalry and anti-aircraft troops.
  2. The mission of the 503 Regiment was to guard the coastal areas and, if it should become necessary, to guard the Manchurian-Korean border.

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1. [redacted] Comment. Information available to this office indicates that the 503 Regiment is subordinate to the 168 Division. 56 Army, a unit of the 4 Field Army. [redacted] located the tentatively accepted 50 Army in the Tunghua-Chian area of Liaotung.
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- [redacted] Comment. The existence and subordination of the 56 Army are in considerable doubt and available information indicates that the 168 Division may be a military district unit in Manchuria, rather than a component of any army. The reported subordination of the 503 Regiment to an army of the 2 Field Army as well as the statement that it includes cavalry troops raise some doubt as to the credibility of this report.

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